

Petrified  
Forest.

"Wilderness Plan, Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho", numbered 131-91,000 and dated March 1970, which shall be known as the "Craters of the Moon National Wilderness Area";

(b) certain lands in the Petrified Forest National Park, which comprise about fifty thousand two hundred and sixty acres and which are depicted on a map entitled "Recommended Wilderness, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona", numbered NP-PF-3320-O and dated November 1967, which shall be known as the "Petrified Forest National Wilderness Area".

#### DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS WITHIN NATIONAL FORESTS

Mount Baldy.

SEC. 3. In accordance with section 3(b) of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1132(b)), the following lands are hereby designated as wilderness: the area classified as the Mount Baldy Primitive Area with the proposed additions thereto and deletions therefrom, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Proposed Mount Baldy Wilderness", dated April 1, 1966, comprising an area of approximately seven thousand acres, within and as a part of the Apache National Forest, in the State of Arizona.

Maps and de-  
scriptions, filing  
with congressional  
committees.

SEC. 4. As soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, a map and a legal description of each wilderness area shall be filed with the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and such description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act: *Provided, however*, That correction of clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and map may be made.

Administration.

78 Stat. 890.  
16 USC 1131  
note.

SEC. 5. Wilderness areas designated by or pursuant to this Act shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness areas, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act, and any reference to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary who has administrative jurisdiction over the area.

Approved October 23, 1970.

Public Law 91-505

AN ACT

October 23, 1970  
[H. R. 15405]

To render the assertion of land claims by the United States based upon accretion or avulsion subject to legal and equitable defenses to which private persons asserting such claims would be subject.

Riverside Coun-  
ty land tract,  
Calif.

Equitable set-  
tlement between  
U.S. and private  
parties.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the United States shall be subject to all legal and equitable defenses which are available against a private party litigant under the laws of the State in which the subject real property is located on the date of enactment of this Act in any case wherein the United States seeks to establish title to land or seeks to obtain relief dependent on ownership of such lands and (1) such title or ownership is claimed on the basis of accretion or avulsion, (2) the lands to which the United States seeks title or ownership are not necessary to provide riparian frontage to other contiguous lands owned by the United States, (3) the facts upon which the United

States bases its claim of accretion or avulsion occurred more than forty years prior to the effective date of this Act, (4) the defendant has paid real property taxes on the disputed lands on the same basis as other owners of fee lands within the same taxing jurisdiction, (5) defendants claim title to the disputed lands or lands to which the disputed lands are claimed to have accreted by chains of title deriving from a conveyance from the State or Federal Government or a political agency or subdivision thereof, and (6) a reasonably prudent man would have believed that, when he acquired title to the real property in question, he had obtained title free of the likelihood of any claim by the United States Government, any State, or any private person, but in no event shall the provisions of this Act apply to any land other than that land situated in Riverside County, California, within three miles of any portion of the Colorado River between river points 13.00 and 13.17, as defined in the interstate compact defining the boundary between the States of Arizona and California (80 Stat. 340).

SEC. 2. For purposes of determining the date of acquisition of title to the real property in question by a private party litigant, his date of acquisition of title shall be deemed that of the earliest date when he first acquired title to the real property and for purposes of determining said acquisition and ownership of stock or real property under this Act—

Title acquisition,  
date determination.

(A) ownership by any person related by blood or marriage to another shall be deemed ownership by the other;

(B) ownership by an estate or trustee shall be deemed ownership by the decedent or grantor of the trust, respectively;

(C) ownership by a corporation shall be deemed ownership by its transferor or transferors: *Provided*, That (1) at least 50 per centum of the stock of the corporation was owned by all transferors immediately after the transfer or (2) the corporation acquired the real property in question pursuant to a transaction where said real property was transferred solely in exchange for stock in such corporation and immediately after the transfer all corporations and persons transferring any property to the transferee corporation owned at least 80 per centum of the shares of the transferee corporation;

(D) ownership by a corporation shall be deemed ownership as tenants in common by each of its shareholders who own at least 10 per centum of the outstanding stock of the corporation; and

(E) property or stock acquired or held by tenants in common, joint tenants or persons associated together in business shall be deemed to be and have been entirely owned by either party so long as owned by any or all of them.

SEC. 3. The application of the attribution rules once shall not preclude any number of subsequent applications of the attribution rules set forth in section 2 of this Act.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall apply in any case with respect to which an action has been brought by the United States before the date of the enactment of this Act, only if such action has not been concluded by a final determination by the trial court or by such appellate courts as may review the action of the trial court in those actions wherein review by such courts is or has been timely sought.

Applicability.

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